

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

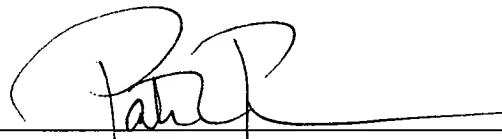
6. (Amended) A method for making a cell-matrix construct comprising  
implanting into an animal at a first site a fibrous matrix having sufficient interstitial  
spacing between fibers to allow tissue ingrowth after implantation of the matrix, wherein the  
matrix is formed of a biocompatible, biodegradable [synthetic] polymer,  
removing the implanted matrix after a period of time sufficient to allow ingrowth of  
fibrous tissue or blood vessels into the matrix, and  
implanting into an animal or human the matrix at a second site where the resulting cell-  
construct is needed.

Remarks

Claims 1-5 and 13-16 were cancelled. Claims 6-12 were the subject of a restriction  
requirement in the parent application.

Consideration of claims 6-12 on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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